

committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 732. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Hartnett, would you like to open on the bill.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as I said in my opening on the committee amendments, we...the voters did approve a constitutional amendment number three in 1990, and then also we passed, the Legislature passed LB 840 in 1991. And since that time some cities have used it and some problems have arose, and so this is simply to do some clarification, as I say. And this bill was brought to us, or brought to our...the Urban Affairs Committee by the League of Municipalities. One thing the first part does is to specify that a business receiving assistance under a city's program that also operates in another Nebraska city will not be eligible to receive or can they receive assistance if it does not retain the current level employment in the other location for two years following the date when it begin participating in the economic development programs. It simply means that you cannot jump from one place to the other simply for economic development, and this was put into the bill. The second point is it clarifies that the qualifying business need not be located within the boundaries of the city for which they're receiving assistance, they can do it on the outside of the city. Clarifies that the process for taking a program to the voters for approval, the city prepares a plan, the plan is presented to the public...presented at public hearing, and the plan and any amendments are adopted by the governing body by resolution, which also includes a date for the election and the official ballot language. Fourth, makes it clear that if local revenue supporting a program is not from sales tax and the voters are asked at the same election to approve economic development program and the sales tax, and the sales tax issue fails, the economic development program also is null and void. This happened in one city they approved the economic development plan and didn't approve the sales tax. So simply if both parts do not, and we have the separate ballot with the...with amendment. The fifth point is it requires the members of the citizen advisory committee, reviews committee, be registered voters rather than resident taxpayers. The sixth